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Sr. Shawnee M. Daniels-Sykes, S.S.N.D., Ph.D.

IBTH 5600: Moral Questions in the Black Community

Born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and the second eldest to Watson and Louise Sykes, Sister/Doctor Shawnee Marie Daniels-Sykes is a vowed member of the School Sisters of Notre Dame. She is the only African American Catholic female bioethicist in the nation.

She received her doctorate in Religious Studies from Marquette University and is Assistant Professor in the Department of Theology at Mount Mary College in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. At Mount Mary, she teaches courses in theological ethics (specifically in the area of Catholic Bioethics) and is Director of the Honors Program. Sr. Dr. Daniels-Sykes holds a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Biology and Biochemistry from Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia, a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Nursing from the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and a Master's Degree in Pastoral Studies/Theology from Saint Francis Seminary in Saint Francis, Wisconsin.

Along with being an Adjunct Assistant Professor at Xavier University of Louisiana's Institute for Black Catholic Studies in New Orleans, Louisiana, Sr. Dr. Daniels-Sykes is a volunteer faculty member at Medical College of Wisconsin/Children's Hospital's Center for the Advancement of Underserved Children.

Diana L. Hayes, J.D., Ph.D., S.T.D

IBTH 5010: Black Approaches to Theology

Dr. Diana L. Hayes was Emerita Professor of Systematic Theology at Georgetown University (retired). She holds the Juris Doctor (Law), PhD (Religious Studies) and Doctor of Sacred Theology (STD) degrees and is the first African American woman to earn a Pontifical Doctorate in Theology (Catholic University of Louvain). Dr. Hayes is the author/editor of 7 books, including *Trouble Don't Last Always: Soul Prayers, And Still We Rise: An Introduction to Black Liberation Theology*, *Hagar's Daughters: Womanist Ways of Being in the World*, *Taking Down Our Harps: Black Catholics in the United States*, *Were You There?: Stations of the Cross*, *Many Faces of the Church* and most recently *Standing in the Shoes My Mother Made: A Womanist Theology*, as well as over 85 articles and book chapters. Her next book, *Forged in the Fiery Furnace: African American Spirituality*, is to be published by Orbis Books in May 2012. Dr. Hayes has received numerous awards including the Elizabeth Seton Medal for Outstanding Woman Theologian and the US Catholic Award for Furthering the Role of Women in the Church, as well as three honorary doctorates. She has lectured throughout the United States, Europe and in South Africa on issues of race, class, gender and religion, womanist and Black theologies, women in the Catholic Church, and African American Religion(s).



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Cecilia A. Moore, Ph.D.

**Associate Director of the Th.M. Degree Program
CORE0001D: Black Catholic History**

Dr. Cecilia A. Moore has taught at the University of Dayton, in the Department of Religious Studies, since 1996. Since 1998, she has taught at Xavier University of Louisiana, where she is the Associate Director of the Degree Program for the Institute of Black Catholic Studies.

Dr. Moore's area of specialization is in U.S. Catholic history. She is working on the history of Black conversion to Roman Catholicism in the 20th century. In 2006, in addition to publishing in numerous scholarly and popular journals, Dr. Moore, along with Dr. C. Vanessa White of the Catholic Theological Union and Fr. Paul Marshall, S.M., Rector of the University Dayton, co-edited *Songs of Our Hearts and Meditations of Our Souls: Prayers for Black Catholics*, published by St. Anthony Messenger Press.

Modeste Malu Nyimi, Ph.D.

**IBTH 5000: Proseminar
IBTH 5100: African, Black, and Liberation Theologies**

Dr. Modeste Malu Nyimi was previously Professor of Systematic Theology and African Theology in the Department of Theology at Catholic University of Congo. He was a Fulbright Scholar with residence in the Department of Religion at Emory University; worked as a Visiting Scholar with the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel at Morehouse College; and, taught African Religions at the McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University in Atlanta, Georgia. He is a Professor of Black Theology and Introduction to Theological Research and is currently teaching African Christianity and Religions of Africa in the Religious Studies Department at Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Georgia.

Dr. Malu Nyimi holds a B.A. in Theology and Human Sciences, a M.A. in Theology and Human Sciences and a M.A. in Theology from Catholic University of Congo in the Democratic Republic of Congo. He holds a Ph.D. in Theology from Radboud University (Catholic University of Nijmegen) in the Netherlands.



Dr. Malu Nyimi has special interests in Theological Epistemology, Theological Anthropology, African and Black Theologies, Spirituality and Identity in African Religions, African Christianity and African Religions. His publications include *Cultural Inversion and Displacement of Christianity in Africa, Globalization and Evangelization in Democratic Congo, Epistemology and Theology, Stakes of Dialog Between Faith- Science-Ethics for the future of the Humanity*. His recent articles include "Globalization and Emergence of Spiritual Families in Africa in Theologies at the University of Montreal (published in 2010) and The Mystical Life in the Practice of African Theology in S.KALAMBA Nsapo & BILOLO Mubabinge (Eds), L'Heritage du discours theologique negro-Africain, Freising, Munich, Kinshasa (published in 2011).

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Rev. Stephen Breck Reid, Ph.D.

IBTH 5030: Black Approaches to Scripture

Reverend/Doctor Stephen Breck Reid is a Professor of Christian Scriptures. He holds a Ph.D., discerned on the topic of "The Sociological Setting of the Historical Apocalypses of I Enoch and the Book of Daniel," from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia; a M. Div. from Bethany Theological Seminary in Oakbrook, Illinois; and, a B.A. in Religion from Manchester College in North Manchester, Indiana.

Dr. Reid began his teaching career at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia. He joined the faculty of George W. Truett Theological Seminary of Baylor University in the fall of 2008 and was academic dean and professor of Old Testament Studies at Bethany Theological Seminary in Richmond, Indiana. A Texas resident since 1990, Dr. Reid served as a member of the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary faculty for twelve years and taught for almost ten years at the Pacific School of Religion.

Dr. Reid is a member of the Society of Biblical Literature and the Catholic Biblical Association. He is the author/editor of such books as *Experience and Traditions. A Primer in Black Biblical Hermeneutics* (Abingdon 1991), *Listening In: A Multicultural Reading of the Psalms* (Abingdon, 1997), *Prophets and Paradigms: Essays in Honor of Gene M. Tucker* (Sheffield Academic Press, 1996), *Psalms and Practice: Worship, Virtue, and Authority* (Liturgical Press, 2001), and *Uncovering Racism* (Brethren Press, 2000) that he wrote with his wife Kathy. He has written numerous papers and publications on a wide variety of subjects including *Brethren Encyclopedia*, *New Harper Bible Dictionary*, the *Eerdmans Bible Dictionary*; and, he also wrote annotations for the section on Daniel for the *Discipleship Bible* and Psalms for the *People's Bible*, as well as articles for *Feasting on the Word*.

Dr. Reid is ordained in the Church of the Brethren. He was interim pastor at the Fremont Church of the Brethren in Fremont, California and Saint Paul Cumberland Presbyterian Church in south Austin, Texas. He has served on the Bethany Seminary board of trustees and as associate pastor at Austin Mennonite Church.



Fr. Freddy Washington, C.S.S.p., D.Min.

**IBTH 8000: Pastoral Leadership in Black
and Multicultural Parishes
&**

**CORE0001: Introduction to the Black Community:
Authentically Black, Truly Catholic**

Fr. Freddy Washington, C.S.S.p. is the pastor of St. Mary Magdalene and St. Ambrose Parishes in Chicago, Illinois. Fr. Washington is a member of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritans). He is the new Chair of the Parish Life Committee of the Presbyterial Council of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Fr. Washington is a native of Charleston, South Carolina. Before his arrival in Chicago, he was a Hospital Chaplain at Harlem Hospital in New York City, a High School Religion teacher, Director of Religious Education, Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology at Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana (where he also earned his Master's of Theology) and an adjunct instructor of Pastoral Theology at Loyola-Marymount University in Los Angeles, California.



Fr. Washington earned his Bachelor's of Arts from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, his Master's of Divinity from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, Illinois and his Doctorate from the United Theological Seminary.

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C. Vanessa White, SFO, M.T.S., D. Min

IBTH 5430: Black Spirituality

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SREP0001: The Elders Retreat/Seminar

Dr. C. Vanessa White, Assistant Professor of Spirituality and the Director of the Augustus Tolton Pastoral Ministry Program at Catholic Theological Union, holds a B.S. in Child Development and Family Services from Northern Illinois University, an M.T.S. from Cross Cultural Studies /Catholic Theological Union, and a D. Min in Spirituality from Catholic Theological Union.

Dr. White is convener of the Black Catholic Theological Symposium (BCTS) - a National Association of Black Catholic theologians and scholars. As well as her teaching/ministerial responsibilities at CTU, she is a member of the faculty of the Degree and C&E Programs and the Coordinator of Spiritual Formation/Consultant for Xavier University of Louisiana's Institute for Black Catholic Studies. She was formerly chair of the Board of Directors of the USCCB Commission on Certification and Accreditation, as well as Catechetical Board Member for St.

Anthony Messenger Press.

An experienced workshop presenter, retreat leader, preacher and teacher, Dr. White lectures nationally on issues of Catholic spirituality, women's spirituality, diversity, ministerial leadership, adult faith formation, spiritual formation, catechist development, discernment, youth and young adult ministry and spirituality, intercultural ministry and Black Catholic History and issues pertinent to the spiritual life of Black Catholics. Her publications include *Songs of Our Hearts and Meditations of Our Souls: Prayers for Black Catholics* (co-editor) and *Liturgy and Justice* (contributing author). Dr. White is currently a contributing author for *Give Us This Day* – Daily Prayer Resource, published by Liturgical Press.